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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of	:	Akira IKUSHIMA, Kazuya SAITO, Takashi MIURA and Shogo NASUDA
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BOX AFAssistant Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed March 1, 2004, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 8 and 12-24, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 25 and 26 and amend claim 7 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.